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SUBJ EFTA AND EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN

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MISSION REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF THAT PORTION OF REFTL WHICH SUGGESTS MEETING ON EFTA AND EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN BE A JOINT MEETING OF TWO GROUPS. AS REPORTED PARA 2 GENEVA 2229, EFTA SPOKESMAN BEGAN HIS COMMENTS TO US ON APRIL 5 WITH CONFIRMATION EFTA WANTS THESE CONSULTATIONS KEPT SEPARATE FROM EC/EFTA. IF WE PUT PROPOSAL FOR JOINT MEETING TO BOTH GROUPS EARLY NEXT WEEK (WHEN DELEGATIONS RETURN FROM EASTER BREAK), WE ARE REASONABLY SURE IT WILL MEAN POSTPONEMENT OF APRIL 29 OR MAY 2 MEETING WHILE BOTH GROUPS CANVASS THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. IN ADDITION, WE THINK EFTA WILL OPPOSE FORMALIZING CONSULTATIONS ON JOINT BASIS. REASONS ALLUDED TO BY EFTA

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REPS IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS INCLUDE (A) FEELING THAT EFTA IS

"INNOCENT PARTY" SINCE NEW RULES OF ORIGIN WERE ESSENTIALLY
FORCED ON EFTA BY EC, THEREFORE RULES IN EC/EFTA CONTEXT SHOULD
BE PRIME FOCUS OF CONSULTATIONS, (B) RELUCTANCE ON PART OF SOME
EFTA COUNTRIES TO BE DRAWN INTO CONSULTATIONS RELATING TO
EFTA RULES WITH EC COMMISSION IN ATTENDANCE AS FULL MEMBER;
IF COMMISSION REP CHOOSES TAKE ACTIVE ROLE, EFTA REPS MAY BE
INHIBITED FROM SAYING ANYTHING AND IMPRESSION WOULD THEREBY BE
CREATED THAT EC IS SPEAKING FOR EFTA WHICH LATTER COUNTRIES DO
NO WANT.DALE

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